Veeresh Committee on Suicide by Farmers

*299. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are recommendations of the Veeresh Committee, set-up to study suicide by farmers in the country; and

(b) the action taken to implement the recommendations, specially for setting-up of a welfare fund?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government of Karnataka has not yet released the report of the Committee and is still examining its recommendations.

Modernisation of Hubli rail workshop

*300. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to modernise the rail workshop at Hubli; and

(b) if so, details of the project and the amount earmarked to complete the same?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The upgradation of the facilities at Hubli Workshop is under progress for undertaking Periodic Over Haul (POH) of 75 Broad Gauge (BG) coaches/month in the 1st phase and further augmentation to 95 coaches/month in the IInd phase to be completed by 31.3.2003 as per details given below:

(Rs. in Crore)

	Particulars of work	Year of Sanction	Antici-pated Cost	Expendi-ture till 31.03.2002	Amount earmarked in 2002-03
1.	Hubli Workshop-Conversion of Workshop (Metre Gauge to Broad Gauge) for POH of Coaches (Phase: I)	1995-96	13.57	13.49	0.08
2.	Hubli Workshop Additional facilities to cater for Coach POH activities (Phase: II)	1996-97	6.96	5.09	1.01